

REMARKS

I. General

Claims 1-15 were pending in the application. Claim 1 stands rejected under both 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 2-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability for claims 2-15.

Claim 2 is canceled in light of an amendment to claim 1. As a result, claims 1 and 3-15 will remain pending in the current application. Applicant hereby traverses the outstanding rejections and objections, and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the remarks and amendments contained herein.

II. Amendments to the Claims

Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form, as amended claim 1, to include all the limitations of the original independent claim 1. Although not conceding the merits of the rejections of record, claim 1 has been amended in order to expedite the issuance of the allowable claims. Applicant asserts that claim 1 is allowable for, at least, the reasons set forth in the January 13, 2006 Office Action with respect to original claim 2. Originally-filed claim 2 has been canceled, and claims 3, 5 and 6 have been amended to reflect dependence from claim 1. No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

The 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections of claim 1 are moot in light of claim 1 reciting subject matter that the Examiner considers to be patentable.

III. Applicant's Record Under § 713.04 of Telephone Interview With Examiner

Applicant respectfully submits the following record of the telephone interview of April 3, 2006, under M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

The following persons participated in the interview: Examiner Carol S. W. Tsai and

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Applicant's attorney Kelce S. Wilson (#50,289). The Office Action, dated January 13, 2006, was discussed.

Applicant requested clarification as to whether the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections of claims 2-15 were due only to their dependence from claim 1. Examiner Tsai indicated that the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection was specific to claim 1, and could be overcome by amending claim 1 to include limitations from one of claims 2-15.

IV. Conclusion

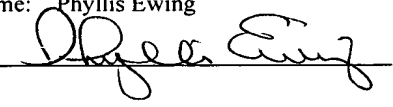
In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1078, under Order No. 10030466-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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